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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

The Dominican Republic

1. As the 1 June election date approaches, speculation is increasing on who will run and, indeed, on whether the balloting will take place as scheduled. The disregard of law and order, the ineptitude of law enforcement agencies, the wholesale violence which has manifested itself periodically for the past several months, and the very real threat of renewed street mobs all combine at this time to augur poorly for an open campaign.

2. On balance we feel that Provisional President Garcia Godoy is continuing with plans to hold the election. He has taken the initial steps--by requesting the assistance of the Organization of American States in overseeing both the campaign and the voting and by appointing a neutral electoral board to establish the rudiments of the electoral machinery. He also has acted in recent weeks to lessen the partisan character of the provincial and local levels of the Provisional Government by reducing the number of Bosch oriented appointees.

3. The Institutional Act which created the Provisional Government makes no provision for postponing the vote now scheduled for 1 June and Garcia Godoy announced as recently as 18 February that he intends to stay in office only through 30 June, the date his term ends.

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5. There is apprehension, especially in military and some conservative circles, that the Provisional President may attempt to forestall the elections. His economic adviser, a brother-in-law, suggested [redacted] that a plebiscite to extend the term of the Provisional Government might be substituted for the presidential election on 1 June. [redacted]

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6. Garcia Godoy's continuing impasse with the Dominican military chiefs promotes an atmosphere conducive to rumors of this type. [redacted]

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